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For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING DEFAULT PROTECTION IN CONNECTION WITH A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	: :

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 31, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The October 31, 2007 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by January 31, 2008. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a reply is now due by April 30, 2008 and this Amendment is being timely filed.